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## SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES OFFERS SENIOR DRIVING PROGRAM

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – The Macomb County Department of Senior Citizen Services is offering "Roadwise Review: A Tool to Help Seniors Drive Safely Longer," a program aimed at identifying the strengths and weaknesses of senior drivers.

The program, which was developed by AAA of Michigan, is an interactive CD-ROM which measures eight physical and mental abilities shown to be the strongest predictors of crash risk among older drivers.

Due to their fragility, senior drivers have the highest crash death rate, per mile driven, of everyone except teenagers.

"It's no secret that aging changes how we do things, " said Karen Bisdorf, interim director of the Macomb County Department of Senior Citizen Services. "When people know more about how aging may have effected their driving abilities, they can take steps to correct the problem or to approach it in a new way. The Roadwise computer test helps drivers to learn more about their skills before there are any serious problems."

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The "Roadwise Review" program and test are available to anyone 60 years old or older, on an appointment only basis at the Macomb County Senior Citizens Services office, 21885 Dunham Road, Suite 6, Clinton Township.

The program uses easy-to-follow instructions and videos viewed on a personal computer. Test results are for the user only and are kept confidential.

Appointments can be made by calling 469-6826.

## **About Macomb County**

Macomb County is an enriching community in Southeastern Michigan that has one of the state's fastest rates of growth. Its 825,000 residents make it Michigan's third-largest county, with direct access to Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay, and a host of cultural and entertainment options. Its highly skilled workforce and investment in new and expanding businesses make it open to enterprise. Active civic leadership translates into balanced budgets and Michigan's second-lowest tax rate. An increasingly diverse population and high quality of life make Macomb County accessible to all.